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Basketball Coach Sentenced For Molesting Player

A 62-year-old basketball coach was sentenced today to two years in state prison for sexually assaulting one of his players, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Tony Wong was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Dorothy Reyes who ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Deputy District Attorney Christine Von Helmolt of the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

In May, he pleaded no contest to three counts of lewd acts upon a child.

Wong was a coach at the Alpine Recreation Center in Chinatown when the victim was 14 years old and invited him to play for his team. Between January and August 2004, Wong sexually molested the boy at the recreation center and in hotel rooms when the team traveled.

Case BA448448 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.